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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: ) Application Branch  
Tock et al. )  
Serial No. 09/unknown ) Art Unit for Parent App: 2755  
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Modifying Database Access Methods to Insert )  
Database Object Handling Instructions ) July 27, 2000  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The enclosed Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed November 9, 1999 for the above identified patent application. This response is being filed within two months of the Office Action.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-21.

Add new claims as follows:

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1 22. A method of generating object-oriented computer programs for accessing and  
2 updating persistently stored objects, wherein the method is performed under program control  
3 by a computer, the method comprising:

4 receiving an initial computer program that includes original instructions for accessing  
5 objects stored in a computer's main memory;  
6 scanning the initial computer program to automatically identify object accessing  
7 instructions and corresponding program locations at which additional instructions are to be  
8 added representing a first set of identified program locations;